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SUBJECT: EXPANSION KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

REF: KUWAIT A-112, AUGUST 23, 1972

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 24 FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (KISR) INFORMING US THAT KISR PLANNING MAJOR EXPANSION OF ITS RESEARCH FACILITIES. LETTER REQUESTS EMBASSY'S ADVICE REGARDING FIRMS AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN US THAT SPECIALIZE IN PROGRAMMING, DESIGN AND DETAILED PLANNING OF SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES.

2. KISR DIRECTOR GENERAL, MUHAMAD SHAMALI, EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS MADE BASIC DECISION TO EXPAND, BUT IT IS AT A VERY EARLY STAGE OF THE PROCESS. SHAMALI WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS AND ADVISE DIRECTIONS KISR EXPANSION MIGHT TAKE. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO "DIALOGUE" WITH APPROPRIATE COMPANIES OR INSTITUTIONS.

3. KISR WAS ESTABLISHED ORIGINALLY WITH THE COOPERATION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE JAPANESE OWNED ARABIAN OIL COMPANY WHICH AGREED TO DO SO AS PART OF ITS OIL CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH GOK. UP TO NOW KISR HAS CONCENTRATED ON SHRIMP AND ARID LANDS RESEARCH IN COOPERATION WITH JAPANESE EXPERTS AND SOME PETROLEUM RELATED RESEARCH IN COOPERATION WITH FRENCH PETROLEUM INSTITUTE. SHAMALI, A GRADUATE OF MIT, BECAME DG IN 1972, AND HE HAS SOUGHT TO EXPAND KISR'S ROLE IN KUWAIT. HE FORESEES
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THE TIME WHEN KISR WILL BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE REGION. KISR IS AGENCY OF GOK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: KISR EXPANSION COULD PROVIDE USEFUL
OCCASION TO EXPAND US KUWAITI SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE
WHICH WE COULD OFFER TO SHAMALI IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH
CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN US ON SCIENTIFIC MATTERS. COMMERCE
REQUESTED TO BRING KISR REQUEST TO ATTENTION APPROPRIATE QUALIFIED
US FIRMS. US COMPANIES SHOULD BE ADVISED TO WRITE TO MUHAMAD
SHAMALI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH, PO BOX 12009, KUWAIT, KUWAIT.
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